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BIRTH.

On 10th December, at Shanghai, the wife of

REYNOLD N. THOMAS, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On 21st November, at Wilhelmshafen, Berlin, K.

SCHMIDT of Tientsin, to ELISABETH ROLOFF of Berlin.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15TH, 1905.

While the public will cordially approve the motive which has prompted Sir PAUL CHATER after nineteen years' service to retire from the representation of the Justices of the Peace on the Legislative Council—that is to say, the desire not to monopolise a position which many other prominent men in the Colony are well qualified to occupy—there will nevertheless be a wide-spread feeling of regret if the step Sir PAUL CHATER has taken involves his total separation from the governing body of the Colony. Sir PAUL CHATER has lived in the Colony upwards of forty years and everybody is well aware how intimately and how conspicuously he has been identified with the history and progress of the Colony which we are proud to know is now "the first shipping port in the world." It has been suggested that notwithstanding his retirement from the representation of the Justices, it would be a gracious recognition of the value of Sir PAUL CHATER's services to the Colony if His Excellency the Governor still retained him as a member of his Executive Council. We believe there is no precedent in the Colony for the retention in the Executive Council of an unofficial member who has ceased to sit as a representative member in the Legislative Council. To such a departure from custom, however, we believe there is no official bar; at least,

there is, so far as we are aware, no hard-and-fast rule that the two unofficial seats on the Executive Council must be occupied by members of the Legislative Council. It may be remembered that unofficial members were first appointed to the Executive Council about ten years ago as the result of a Petition addressed to the House of Commons praying for the amendment of the Constitution of the Colony. Inasmuch as the Colonial Government discharges municipal duties it was recognised by the Rt. Hon. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, then the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that "on that account representatives of the citizens may fairly be given a place on the Executive." The Colonial Secretary went on to say:—

"I therefore propose that the Executive Council shall in future include two unofficial members to be selected at the discretion of the Governor. It is obviously desirable that they should, as a rule, be chosen from among the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, and the choice should, and no doubt will be, inspired by considerations of personal merit, and have no reference to the particular class or race to which the persons chosen belong."

We may conclude from this extract that the unofficial seats in the Executive Council need not necessarily be occupied by unofficial members of the Legislative Council. In framing the proposal as he did it is not improbable that the object Mr. CHAMBERLAIN had in view was to limit to some extent the exercise of a personal preference on the part of the Governor of the Colony for the time being, and to insure that the gentlemen chosen to occupy those seats should enjoy such a measure of confidence on the part of the community as is expressed in an election to the Legislative Council either by the Justices of the Peace or the Chamber of Commerce. If such were the considerations which dictated Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's proposal, there are sound reasons for creating an exception to the rule of selection in the case of Sir PAUL CHATER. We have not the least doubt that had Sir PAUL been fit to offer himself for re-election by the Justices he would be returned to the Legislative Council with the same unanimity that has characterised his election on previous occasions; and if moreover the choice of a member of the Executive Council be inspired by considerations of personal merit, no man in the Colony is better entitled to a seat on that ground than Sir PAUL CHATER. In saying this we are sure we are giving expression to an opinion which will be universally endorsed in the Colony. We have written on the assumption that Sir PAUL CHATER's retirement from the representation of the Justices would be regarded both by His Excellency the Governor and by Sir PAUL CHATER himself as involving his retirement from the Executive Council, since the one appointment doubtless originally led to the other. But if Sir PAUL is willing to serve the Colony as an unofficial member of the Executive Council, His Excellency the Governor may rest assured that no appointment could give greater satisfaction to the community; for while it would be appreciated as well-deserved recognition of long and valuable public service, the community would have the advantage of representation in the Executive Council by one of its oldest and most widely esteemed residents and one moreover whose extensive interests are intimately identified with the past, present and future prosperity of the port.

New volunteers are Messrs C. H. Ross and H. Watkins. Gunners E. P. Austen and S. Smith have resigned.

A typhoon warning from the Manila Observatory, dated 10 o'clock yesterday morning, reached the American Consulate. It said: Depression yesterday S. W. of Guam probably moving W.

As the General Officer Commanding the Troops requires the services of the Band on Saturday we are requested to announce that there will be no Band performance at the Hongkong Hotel that evening.

We have received the 21st annual report of the Royal Jamaica Society of Agriculture and Commerce, and Merchants' Exchange, Kingston, Jamaica. It says the island is slowly but surely emerging from the financial depression that followed in the wake of the havoc caused by the cyclone.

The most suitable desk diary for use here and in the China ports is undoubtedly the "Imperial English and Chinese Diary and Almanac" published by Messrs Kelly and Walsh, Ltd. There are many firms which indicate the "No. 1" edition as much indispensable as the office safe or the letter press. All kinds of necessary information appear in the Hongkong supplement, much that the business man requires daily, and that is not often so easily accessible. The diary is an eminently practical one, and this is its 20th year of publication.

A school for training postal clerks and officials is to be opened at Peking.

A very enjoyable ball took place at Government House last night when about 100 ladies and gentlemen responded to the invitation of His Excellency.

H.E. Chou Fu has been ordered to avoid any action "likely to provoke criticism." This is surely expecting the impossible, especially under the censor system.

The P. and O. steamship, *Delia*, with the English mail arrived last night. She was not expected till to-day at noon. The vessel is one of the new large steamers that are being put on the run.

Mr. A. Gaibort, the French Vice-Consul at Hongkong, has been appointed consul at Pakhoi. His friends will be pleased to learn of his promotion and we join with them in wishing him a prosperous career.

The Szechow Anti-Opium League is circulating at considerable expense a reprint of the report of the Philippine Opium Commission, together with an American Senator's opinion that the "career of the Rev. H. C. Du Bos is worthy of his noble ancestry." Is it that but democracy and good works "dearly love a lord"?

The Singapore Police have started a crusade against all rickshaws with gongs or bells of any description, their use on such vehicles having been prohibited by a recent Municipal law. Inspector Kirke had five Chinese, owners of private rickshaws, before the Court for breach of this regulation. The defendants all pleaded ignorance of the law and were cautioned to infringe it no longer.

The Zorilla Company expect to return to Hongkong from Shanghai next week and open for another short season at St. George's Hall. The Company announces their intention of presenting during the Christmas week musical comedy, farce, pantomime and vaudeville. At Shanghai the Company appear to have had a very successful season. They expect to open again in Hongkong on the 19th inst.

The Penang *Gazette* says:—Several changes in the personnel of the Chartered Bank will, we are informed, take place early next year. Mr. E. M. Janion, at present Acting Manager in Penang, will proceed to Singapore to replace Mr. J. Armstrong, who goes to Hongkong. He will be succeeded here by Mr. Gilmour, who is at present at Home on leave and was formerly Manager at Shanghai. Mr. Beddy, of the local branch of the Bank, goes to Surabaya as Agent.

In its Marine Insurance notes on Nov. 4 the *Times* said: The British steamer *Dumbarton* from San Francisco, with provisions, stores, &c., for Nicolaievsk, has gone ashore 26 miles north of De Castries, near the mouth of the Amur river. As navigation in the Amur is closed by ice, salvage cannot be arranged. The *Dumbarton* is 3,495 tons, built in 1903 and insured for £34,000. She is owned by R. McMillan, of Glasgow. Stores have been rapidly pushed forward for Nicolaievsk, as well as for Vladivostok, since the ratification of the Peace Treaty, and it is understood that the *Dumbarton* has a large and valuable cargo.

A former member of the British Diplomatic Service, speaking of the effect of the Anglo-Japanese treaty, observed to a *Manchester Guardian* representative:—"The first point that occurs to me is that the allies will, in popular phrase, have their work cut out for them to keep the Wai Wai Pa and the Chinese authorities generally in order and reason. The integrity of the country is now safe, and so the Manchurian princes, the Ministers, and the great mandarins all over the country will think themselves safe in indulging their natural bumptiousness and insolence towards the foreign representatives. There is sure to be a deal of trouble of a diplomatic kind by reason of the Chinese refusal of perfectly reasonable demands."

It is a great pleasure to all residents in the treaty ports in China, and in Hongkong, says the *N.C. Daily News*, to read the list of those present at the annual banquet in London of the China Association. To the new comers it is mainly a source of wonder; here he finds names a few of which are possibly familiar to him—he has seen them attached to the new roads that are being opened in all directions, or he has heard of them in connection with some story of the past told by a garrulous old-timer. To the old resident they bring back a flood of memories of the "good old times," and he wishes he too had been there to shake hands and recall old comradeship with staunch friends of the past, many of whom he doubts if he shall ever see again.

Sandow is admittedly a strong man, but finance is evidently not a strong point with him. From a statement published in the *Financial Times*, it appears that under the Sandow (Limited) articles of association holders of less than £1,000 nominal capital are compelled to sell their shares to the directors at a "fair value" on demand. This extraordinary power is now being put in force against the smaller shareholders, and Friday, November 4, was fixed as the date on which the sale should be carried into effect. On the whole, however, we think, says a London journal, the victims of this compulsory purchase arrangement are to be congratulated on the prospect of being relieved of their holdings at a "fair value," for we notice that the company made a loss of £4,040 in the twelve months to September 30 last, and there is now a total debit balance of £7,018.

Further investigation at Latchibak where the decomposed body of a man was found this week has discovered a queue, which now indicates to what nationality the man belonged. The post mortem examination brought to light the fact that he had been stabbed in the heart.

The following arrived in port per the H. T. *Dunera* yesterday:—Lieut. C. B. Down, Lt. P. O'Sullivan, wife and two children, Major H. Broke, Major E. Y. Hibbert, Lieut. W. G. Carruthers, Lieut. O. Y. Hibbert, Lieut. W. G. Yates, Captain Shinkwin, Captain B. L. Beddy, Lieut. T. Rooks, wife and child, Colonel E. H. Seymour, Captain T. C. Morris, wife and child, Major J. E. Brogden, Major T. P. Jones, wife and child, Lt. A. T. Frost, Lt. C. Ryley and wife, Lt. A. N. Fraser, Captain G. Monroal, Mr. F. Stears, Miss O. North, Captain E. McMillan, Miss Hanson, Mr. J. S. Addenbrooke, wife and child, Lt. D. S. Skelton, Captain F. S. Butcher, Second Lieut. R. Bolster, Mr. J. T. Rea and Mr. F. C. D. Keats.

FOOCHOW RACES.

Further results are appended: The Winter Stakes, Mr. Thomas' Backstrap. Big Sweep Cup, Mr. Min's Adrian. The Hsokwan Cup, Mr. Min's Balsam. The Hongkong Cup, Mr. Oswald's Cross-in-hand. The Choasse Cup, Adrian. The Compradores' Cup, Mr. Min's Copibia. The Fochow Stakes, Mr. Thomas' Rustie.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

In consequence of the visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught, it has been decided to make an alteration in the date of the Flower Show. It will be held on the 1st and 2nd of February, instead of on the 8th and 9th as originally proposed.

PROPOSED CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE STORE.

A large attended meeting of those engaged in the Civil Service of the Colony was held at the Club Pavilion, Happy Valley, yesterday evening, for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a Civil Service Co-operative Store. Dr. Clark presided and in his opening remarks stated that H. E. the Governor approved of the proposed scheme provided that all in the service of the Government, such as the military and the naval, were included in its purview. Several members explained how such organisations were conducted elsewhere and, after discussion, a committee was appointed to make inquiries as to whether the scheme would be practicable in Hongkong and whether it was likely to receive adequate support. The committee which was given full powers was constituted as follows: Dr. Clark (chairman), Mr. Lewington, naval yard, Chief Inspector Baker, Mr. Barrington, P.W.D.; Chief Inspector Hanson; Mr. Woodcock, secretary of Sanitary Board; Messrs. D. J. McKenzie, Conley and Lyons, sanitary inspectors; and Mr. Lawrence, inspector naval yard police.

A LARGE MILITARY DRAFT.

From the General Orders issued by Major General Villiers Hutton, C.B., we learn that the draft which landed here on Wednesday from the troopship *Dunera* included the following details:—

From England: Royal Garrison Artillery.—Lieutenant C. B. Down, Lieut. (D. O.) P. O'Sullivan, wife, and 2 children. 278 N.C.O.'s and men, 19 children.

Royal Engineers.—Major H. Broke, Major E. McL. Blair (for Tientsin), 76 N.C.O.'s and men, 4 women, 4 children.

Staff for Engineer services.—Asst. Surveyor A. S. Carruthers. 2nd Royal West Kent Regiment.—Lieutenant W. G. Yates, 105 N.C.O.'s and men, 1 woman, 1 child.

Army Service Corps.—Captains I. R. S. Shinkwin, B. L. Beddy, (for Wei-hai-wei), Lieut. and Mr. Master T. Rooks, wife, and child. One warrant officer, 6 N.C.O.'s and men, 3 women, 5 children.

Army Ordnance Department.—Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Seymour. Capt. (D.C.O.) T. C. Morris, wife and child.

Army Ordnance Corps.—10 N.C.O.'s and men, 1 woman, 2 children.

Royal Army Medical Corps.—Major J. E. Brogden, (for Wei-hai-wei), T. P. Jones, wife, and child. Lieutenants A. T. Frost, C. Ryley and wife, A. N. Fraser, (for Wei-hai-wei), 13 N.C.O.'s and men, 4 women, 5 children.

Army Pay Department.—Capt. G. Monroal. Army Pay Corps.—2 N.C.O.'s, 1 woman, 2 children.

2nd Royal Dublin Fusiliers.—1 N.C.O. (for Wei-hai-wei).

Military Prison Staff Corps.—3 N.C.O.'s, 2 women, 6 children.

Royal Navy: Chief Carpenter, Mr. F. Stears.

From Gibraltar: Royal Engineers, 4 men, Miss O. North, indulgence.

TELEGRAMS.

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MISS ROOSEVELT'S BETROTHAL.

LONDON, 14th December.

The betrothal of Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, to Mr. Nicholas Longworth is officially announced.

THE CRISIS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, 14th December.

Numerous bankruptcies are reported in Russia.

A dictator for the Baltic Provinces has been appointed.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, 12th December.

The King has signed the formal prorogation of Parliament on the 15th January, but the dissolution will probably be on the 10th January.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, 12th December.

The Tsar has issued an order, in which he warmly thanks all Cosacks for their untiring loyal services in maintaining order in the empire.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, 12th December.

The death of Sir John Walsman, ex-Minister to China, is reported.

FURTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, 12th December.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Under Secretary for the Colonies.

Mr. John Lawson Walton, K.C., Attorney General.

Mr. John Ellis, Under Secretary for India.

The Earl of Portsmouth, Under Secretary for War.

Mr. Edmund Robertson, Secretary of the Admiralty.

Mr. R. McKenna, Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, Under Secretary, Home Office.

Mr. Richard Causton, Paymaster General.

Mr. Williams Robson, K.C., Solicitor General.

[N.C. Daily News Service.]

THE MANCHURIA NEGOTIATIONS.

Peking, 9th December.
 The Chinese Ministers to the U.S., Germany, and Russia have wired to Peking that they are paying the utmost attention to the Manchuria negotiations, and if necessary they will take them as offering a good opportunity to interfere. The Ministers therefore hope that China will not allow Japan to secure too many advantages, lest other Powers should interfere.

At the 13th conference, on the 8th inst., not much progress was made, but at the 14th conference, on the 9th, the Japanese proposals and supplementary proposals and the Chinese counter-proposals, were discussed, and settled as to four-fifths of them. There are three points still undecided, but it is expected that the negotiations will be concluded, and Baron Komura and suite be able to leave Peking, within a week.

JAPANESE PROTECTORATE OF COREA.

Peking, 10th December.
 The Chinese Minister at Seoul was received in audience at Peking on the 8th, and reported that the new Japanese-Corona agreement was signed, and the Foreign Legations were withdrawn from Seoul; it was advisable to have a Consul-General instead of a Minister at Seoul, all negotiations between China and Corea being conducted at Tokyo. Their Majesties agreed to the change which will be carried out.

THE PONTIFICATE OF TIBET.

Peking, 9th December.
 The Chinese Amban has wired to the Peking Government that Mr. O'Connor, the British Resident at Gyantsi, will go with the Teshi Lama to welcome the Prince of Wales on his travels, with intention of getting the Teshi Lama appointed Dalai Lama.

THE CHINESE WIFE.

THE HETTER HALF AND THE SUBMERGED TENTH.

On Dec. 5 Captain D'Arcy Symonds, A.S.P. and Inspector Kirke, of the Singapore Police, acting on information received, went to a house and there in an upper back room, found a Chinaman chained up like a dog with a collar round his neck. The unfortunate man was in a very emaciated condition and was covered with evil-looking sores. He was at once released by the Police but was so weak that he could not speak or explain his condition. A woman then came forward and said that the man was her husband. He had gone mad some time ago and as he was dangerous at times she had kept him tied up (for about ten days). This statement of the man having been kept prisoner some time was borne out by the condition of his wrists, which were badly rope-galled. Captain D'Arcy Symonds had him sent to the General Hospital for observation and arrested the wife on the charge of wrongfully restraining him.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

As we announced yesterday there are three candidates for the position as representative of the Justices of the Peace in the Legislative Council which the Hon. Sir Paul Chater vacates at the end of this year. The third candidate, Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., was proposed by the Hon. Mr. Gershom Steward and seconded by Mr. G. W. F. Playfair. So far, there is little probability of any other gentleman coming forward to appeal to the electorate of non-official Justices of the Peace (the official Justices do not take part in the election) and indications point to a fairly even contest, as each candidate possesses merits which will be considered good qualifications for the office.

Both Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Pollock have been candidates before. Mr. Slade standing for the position for the first time. The last named gentleman, apart from his own personality, will command some influence as the nominee of the retiring member. Mr. Slade is essentially a commercial man. He is the head of the firm of Gillman and Co. which has grown up with the colony, and as he has been resident here now for about 16 years he has a thorough knowledge of the requirements of the community. His interests and the interests of the firm are in his own words "the interests of the Colony," and he asserts he has more at stake here than either of the other two candidates. He is already in the service of the public, having been a member of the Sanitary Board for about eight months.

Mr. Pollock, on the other hand, can urge the strong claim of having experience in the Legislative Council. For a little less than four years he was acting Attorney-General and for about nine months he sat as an unofficial member representing the Chamber of Commerce during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. B. Shewan in 1902-03. The knowledge then acquired, coupled with his professional training, are excellent qualifications for the position. We understand that this gentleman has expressed the opinion that it is contrary to the public interest that electors should pledge themselves definitely to vote for any particular candidate previous to the election itself inasmuch as no judgment ought to be formed by them until they have had full opportunity of considering the views and qualifications of the candidates who offer themselves for election.

Mr. Hewitt is another gentleman whose fitness for the office will be recognised by many electors. With an experience of the Far East extending to a quarter of a century, an intimate knowledge of the Colony and its needs, a practical training in governmental work acquired on the Shanghai Municipal Council (especially during the troublous period of the Boxer rising when he was Chairman), his position as superintendent of the P. & O. Steamship Coy. where the business of the Colony as a shipping port is his business, and a devotion to public service. Mr. Hewitt is undoubtedly a strong candidate. He is not here temporarily but is in the Colony for the remainder of his career, a fact which should be taken as answer by those who regard him somewhat as "a bird of passage." Not only is he connected with the Chamber of Commerce, of which he has been Chairman now for nearly three years, but he has been a member of the Sanitary Board, has been on the Committee of several public schools and has had to consider many questions outside of his own business. He has been a candidate on two previous occasions—once as the representative of the Justices of the Peace and once as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce. On the latter occasion his opponent was Mr. Pollock.

There will be about 100 non-official Justices of the Peace in the colony at the time of the election, next Thursday at the City Hall.

A CHINESE SMUGGLING STORY.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

ADMIRAL COFFINS: AN OFFICIAL DILEMMA.
 A native of Hama recently shipped two coffins from Canton to his native province. They were declared to contain the bodies of two of his relatives. On arrival at Ying-Tak, the coffins were taken ashore, as the river is not deep enough for navigation beyond that place. About 60 people were engaged to carry the coffins overland; the unusual number of men employed attracted the attention of the illik officials who suspected fraud and caused the coffins to be weighed. Each coffin weighed over 20 pounds. This confirmed their suspicions, and they caused the coffins to be detained. Sai Fan Shan, the owner, was arrested and sent to Canton under escort. A petition has been sent to Viceroy Shun, stating the circumstances, and instructions are awaited before proceeding further in the matter. The coffins are suspected to be filled with arms and ammunition. Chinese law prohibits the opening of coffins, even by officials searching for contraband. Any person opening a coffin are liable to capital punishment. Under the circumstances, the illik officials have simply detained the coffins pending the result of the investigation which will no doubt be ordered by Viceroy Shun.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 14th inst., and left again at 3 p.m. same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 2 a.m. on Saturday, the 16th inst.
 The F.M. str. *China* will leave Yokohama for Hongkong via Manila on the 16th inst. She is expected to arrive on the 27th inst.
 The Buckland Line str. *Bechuana* left Singapore on the 14th inst., and is due to arrive here on the 20th inst.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"JAPANESE TYPES"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—As I have not hitherto trespassed upon your columns, perhaps you will kindly allow me the privilege of my sex in saying what I hope may be a few last as well as first words in reply to a letter from "Your Reviewer" of "Japanese Types" in your issue of December 5th.

It is from no desire of obtruding my personality upon your readers nor to advertise the book that I make this request, but simply because "Your Reviewer's" letter, called forth by mine to you, affords a striking instance of how completely a writer's motives may be misconstrued even when they were supposed to have been clearly expressed.

My private letter to you, to which "Your Reviewer's" published letter is a reply, must surely have proved that I accepted on behalf of Miss Schwabe, his adverse criticism on her defective drawing, as being both just and merited, for what language could I have used plainer than the following?—"I am well aware that to appear before the public in my capacity, whether as actor, author, artist, or what not, is to draw criticism on one's self, and therefore no one should object to the criticism, if it be a just one, no matter how severe—indeed a little wholesome castigation is oftener more beneficial than praise, and no one knows her own deficiencies better than Miss Schwabe, especially in anatomical drawing; she is only too well aware that the hands and feet of her subjects are her weak points." I need not quote more of my letter to prove, that, as Miss Schwabe's collaborator, I accepted without demur, "Your Reviewer's" criticism on her defective points of drawing, and therefore I fail to see how I could have drawn upon myself the lecture with which he has favoured me, upon the desirability of absolute submission to wholesome criticism.

My chief object, however, in writing the "long letter" which was headed to "Your Reviewer" for reply, was to exonerate Miss Schwabe from the imputation he cast upon her honesty by penning the following remarks in his review—(The italics are mine.)

"At first one is disposed to marvel at the strange difference between the artist's eye and hand, until it dawns upon us that for the happy characterisation and scrupulous detail, the artist has been assisted by the camera. Indeed we seem to remember that some of the studies are well-known photographs, in which case we presume that nearly all have been copied from photographs."

Much of my letter to you was taken up in proving from my own personal knowledge, that Miss Schwabe is no copier of photographs, by giving as many details of her artistic antecedents as were necessary to confirm my statements. And although she by no means intended to pose as a finished artist, those who know her are aware that the above allegations and assumptions not only do her the greatest injustice, but that she would be deeply hurt at the bare imputation of having attempted to come before the public under false pretences.

Therefore all I asked was that I trusted you would do both her and Messrs. Kelly and Walsh the justice to remove the bad impression which such allegations must have made upon probable purchasers of the book, as they are calculated not only to injure Miss Schwabe's reputation, but to cause undeserved pecuniary loss to Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, who are financially interested in the success of the book; for who would purchase a copy after having been told that the sketches presumed to be original, were only replicas of familiar photographs?

As I pointed out in my letter, we found great difficulty when selecting 80 types of every-day Japanese life, to avoid treading, to a certain extent, upon ground done to death by photography, and with all our efforts to do so, we found it almost impossible, in certain cases.

A short paragraph setting this matter right in a few words, was all that I asked or expected, and would have obviated the necessity for this correspondence.

In conclusion I wish to say that although "Your Reviewer" may be quite right in his last assumption viz: that "he fears from her letter, Mrs. Patton is not qualified to give her friend the best advice on making pictures"—I certainly was the only one to conceive the idea, and assist, to the best of my literary ability, in the production of "Japanese Types," from which I hoped sufficient pecuniary success might be realized to enable Miss Schwabe to prosecute under proper artistic guidance the further development of the gift which nature has obviously bestowed upon her. A result, however, that would never have been attained were it not for the "Hongkong Daily Press" circulation, had "Your Reviewer's" assumption that she was a mere "copier of photographs" been allowed to remain uncontradicted.

Thanking you in advance, should you insert this letter, and trusting that with its insertion, the subject may be closed,

I am, yours etc.

EMILY S. PATTON.

Shanghai December 11th.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Limited, are introducing to Hongkong a whiskey new to the Colony but a brand in great favour at Home just now. It is James Watson's House of Lords Whiskey, the distillers being authorised purveyors by certificate to the House of Lords. We trust it is not derogatory to their dignity to say of the members of "the finest Club in the world" that they ought to be connoisseurs who, like the firm introducing the brand to the Colony, touch nothing but articles of the finest quality.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 14th December.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

APPLICATION FOR A RECEIVING ORDER.
Re Wong Cheung Kee ex parte Wing Fung Lung.

This was an application for a receiving order. Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Bratton, Hett and Goldring) who applied, said there were six petitioners. Leave to effect substituted service had been obtained, and the services had been effected. Affidavits were on the file, one made by the bailiff and one by himself as to the insertion of the various notices in the newspapers. The petitioners were all judgment creditors. The aggregate of the judgment debts was \$2,144.77, and the taxed costs amounted to \$717.90. The notice had been served on the manager.

His Lordship—You cannot serve a bankruptcy notice, except on the bankrupt himself, without first getting leave.

Mr. Goldring—That refers to service out of the Colony. We are applying for a receiving order against the firm, not against an individual.

His Lordship—There is no such thing as the bankruptcy of a firm; the bankruptcy is the individual members of the firm. There is a recent case in which that is laid down.

Mr. Goldring referred his Lordship to section 6 sub-section 2.

His Lordship—I dare say that the procedure goes on against the firm, but what it is in fact is a bankruptcy of individuals. According to the rules the service of a petition may be assimilated to the service of the writ because it is the initial document in the proceedings. The service of a bankruptcy notice is a very different thing, because the service of the notice does not initiate proceedings.

Mr. Goldring—We have a special provision in the Code which brings in a firm as an individual.

His Lordship—Well, I cannot go beyond that case, which is a House of Lords case. I can't remember the name of it now, but you can look it up in the Court of Appeal, 2 Q.B. re A. B. & Co. Meantime, the matter can stand over.

Later, Mr. Goldring informed his Lordship that he had found the case. It was Cook, appellant, and C.A. Voegler & Co., respondents.

His Lordship—The giving of your bankruptcy notice is the act of bankruptcy, but the service must be on the members of the firm.

Mr. Goldring—May I again refer your Lordship to bankruptcy ordinance 6, Sub-section 1.

His Lordship—The whole point in this case is whether the act of bankruptcy could be committed by an agent or somebody else other than a partner of the firm.

Mr. Goldring—Well, my Lord, there is a provision in our Code.

His Lordship—Well, I must consider it. Is there anything analogous to it in the Bankruptcy Ordinance?

Mr. Goldring—Apparently not, my Lord. I cannot find anything.

His Lordship—Very well. The application stands adjourned until Thursday next.

ANOTHER RECEIVING ORDER WANTED.

Re Shum Wa San ex parte Chow Wing.

Mr. F. P. d'Almeida Castro, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, said the service of the petition had been proved by affidavit.

His Lordship—In ordinary cases of actions against a firm, you don't want leave to serve personally other than the person in control.

Mr. Almeida stated that the bankrupt firm gave notice of suspension of payment. Their debt to the petitioning creditor was \$500, while the assets of the firm, so far as his client could make out, as mentioned in the declaration, were \$5,500, the greater portion of which was recoverable. The liabilities of the firm amounted to \$4,500.

His Lordship—It is hardly a case for bankruptcy.

Mr. Almeida—Some of the debts may not be recoverable by my Lord.

His Lordship—Why have you not brought an action to recover your \$500?

Mr. Almeida—The man gave notice that he was suspending payment of his debts.

His Lordship—That certainly puts you within the bankruptcy law, but you show that the greater portion of the \$5,500 is recoverable, and that the debtor's liabilities are only \$4,500.

Mr. Almeida—There is \$1,100 in Canton, which may not be recoverable.

His Lordship—You say it is in your affidavit.

Mr. Almeida—I say I verily believe it is.

His Lordship—What do you say, Mr. Wakeman? This case is similar to those cases we had last May.

Mr. Wakeman—The debtor is here to speak for himself.

Li Yuk Sau, sworn, said he was one of the partners of the Shum Wa San firm. The liabilities of the firm were about \$6,000 while the assets were a little over \$6,000, about \$5,000 of which was recoverable. He could not collect the money owing in Canton, but thought the Official Receiver could recover it.

His Lordship—Even then, there is only \$1,100 in Canton. Without that there is plenty to pay his debts.

Mr. Almeida—If he swears those who are in his debt and recovers.

His Lordship—But don't people pay without being sued?

(To debtor)—Have you tried to collect this money?

Debtor—Yes. But I am put off from time to time.

His Lordship—There is one amount owing by the Nam Hing Cheong firm; is that recoverable?

Debtor—Yes.

His Lordship—Have you tried to recover it?

Debtor—Yes. But they put me off.

His Lordship—What standing has the Nam Hing Cheong?

Mr. Almeida—I don't know, my Lord.

His Lordship—The next thing will be that they will go bankrupt, and there will be a string of bankruptcies one after the other. I don't decline the petition, but it will stand over.

A DEBTOR'S PETITION.

Chan San Shek and another ex parte the debtors.

Mr. Almeida, who appeared for the petitioning creditor, said this was a debtor's petition. In the usual form of affidavit proof of the assets had been filed by the debtors themselves. The assets were \$40,500 and the liabilities \$74,000.

His Lordship—I think this is a case for a receiving order.

Mr. Almeida—May I ask your Lordship for an order for the receiver to sell this stock before adjudication?

His Lordship—That is a matter for the Official Receiver to decide.

Mr. Almeida—I understand the Official Receiver has no objection.

His Lordship—Very well. An order for the sale of the stock is granted.

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS.

Re Hau Fuk Cheung ex parte the Hong Yuen Bank.

Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Mr. Hastings' office) applied on behalf of the San Wing Cheung firm, under Section 33 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance, for payment of the said firm's taxed costs.

His Lordship—What was the act of bankruptcy?

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist), who appeared for the petitioning creditor, said the act of bankruptcy alleged was the departure from the Colony of two of the partners of the firm. That departure was supposed to have occurred in the early part of October when a letter was written by the firm, addressed generally to the creditors, stating that the partners were leaving the Colony, and would leave their goods to be disposed of by the creditors.

Mr. Wakeman thought the application was rather premature, as the firm had not yet been adjudicated bankrupt. He could not say at present whether the estate had sufficient funds to pay the costs.

His Lordship—I suppose the motion is that the costs should come in and be provable like other debts.

Mr. Dixon—I want the whole of the costs as a preferential payment. I believe it is a practice of the Court.

Mr. Wakeman—It is dependant on the amount of assets, my Lord. I have given my friend notice that I could not go into this application to-day.

Mr. Beavis—I am instructed to make an application that the debtor be adjudged bankrupt. A petition has been served by substituted service, and the creditors have by a resolution decided that the debtor should be adjudicated bankrupt.

His Lordship—I have always understood that I had no option under Section 19 as far as adjudication goes?

Mr. Wakeman—Quite so, my Lord.

His Lordship—Then, Mr. Beavis, you can take your order.

Mr. Beavis—As regards the costs of the petitioning creditor he would have priority over all others.

His Lordship—That can be dealt with in the Receiver's report and the whole question of costs will stand over until after that has been furnished, when I will decide.

THE MILLONNAIRE BANKRUPT.

Re Chey Chung Li.

Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Bratton, Hett and Goldring), who appeared for the debtor, said he understood from the Official Receiver that he did not want to ask his client anything further. He wished therefore to apply for the close of the public examination and the release of the security.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, asked his Lordship not to release the security until the bankruptcy proceedings had closed. His Lordship would see that the order did not in any way refer to the examination.

His Lordship—What was this warrant. I don't remember this.

Mr. Goldring—On the 2nd August your Lordship ordered that the debtor be arrested under sub-section D of Section 24.

His Lordship—Do I understand you to say there was security for his appearance?

Mr. Goldring—Yes. And he turned up the same day as his public examination came on.

On the 2nd August a warrant was issued for his arrest on the ground that without good cause shown he failed to attend his public examination. I applied in Chambers next day for his release, and by consent the warrant was suspended on his giving \$5,000 security.

Now that the public examination is closed, I am entitled to the return of the security.

Mr. Bowley referred his Lordship to section 27. He said there were many reasons for issuing such an order as the bankrupt was not only to attend his public examination, but to assist the trustee in the realisation of his assets.

His Lordship—The offence under which the warrant was issued refers to his attending the public examination.

Mr. Bowley submitted that it was to the interest of the creditors that the security be

continued, and asked His Lordship to continue it under sub-section B.

His Lordship—All I could do on that application would be to issue a warrant. There is nothing said about security.

Mr. Bowley—I don't know, my Lord, under what provision the security was by consent.

I understand. An order having been made for security, I submit that it is substituted for the warrant, and instead of continuing the warrant, I ask your Lordship to continue the security.

Mr. Wakeman—It is the practice of the court to take security for the defendant's appearance.

Mr. Bowley—Your Lordship will understand that although the public examination has been closed, the assets have not been realised. The only assets realised at the present time are \$1,000, therefore it is necessary in the interests of the creditors that the debtor should not leave the jurisdiction of the court until the bankruptcy proceedings were wound up. I would also refer your Lordship to Section 45 regarding bankrupts' property out of the Colony, and I am instructed that the debtor has property out of the Colony.

His Lordship—Yes. It has been suggested on several occasions that he is entitled to property by his father's will.

Mr. Bowley—No, my Lord. Outside his father's will.

His Lordship—Even then my power would only be to punish him for contempt of court. The defendant is now in custody, but apparently has been released on bail.

Mr. Bowley—He is at present on bail as far as the Police Court proceedings go. If they fail, then the bail goes, and if your Lordship releases this security, we will have none. I understood from my friend that he would not apply for the release of the security, consequently this application comes as a surprise.

Mr. Dixon, who represented the petitioning creditor, pointed out that if the debtor absconded the creditors would get no benefit at all from the security.

His Lordship adjourned the case.

A DECIDED ACTION.

Ip Fat On, trading as the Mow Cheung, claimed from Ip San Kai the sum of \$1,000 being balance of money paid by the plaintiff at the request of the defendant for the construction of house No. 131 Upper Main Street, Kowloon.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Kong Sing having related the facts of the case, Mr. Harding raised the preliminary objection that the case had already been decided by the assistant Land Officer.

His Lordship—I didn't know he was a judge.

Mr. Harding referred his Lordship to various sections in the New Territories Land Ordinance in support of his contention, and produced a certified copy of the evidence taken in the Land Court, and of the judgment upon that evidence.

His Lordship adjourned the case in order that he might be supplied with the evidence in question for perusal.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re Ko Ping and another ex parte the debtors.

This examination, which was conducted by the Official Receiver, was in connection with the Wo Cheung firm, Ko Cheung, an alleged partner, being examined. He said he had never been a partner in the firm, although with another man he signed the firm's promissory notes. The liabilities were \$65,000, the greater part of which was for loans. He did not know how the firm got into difficulties.

Mr. Wakeman said that as far as the firm was concerned, he believed the witness had made himself liable as a partner.

Mr. Donner asked that the debtor be adjudicated bankrupt.

His Lordship adjourned the application, but closed the public examination.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR A BALANCE.

The E On firm sued U Kam to recover the sum of \$242.88 being balance due for work done and material supplied.

Mr. F. P. Hett (of Messrs. Bratton, Hett and Goldring) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. C. F. Dixon (of Mr. John Hastings' office) represented the defendant.

Mr. Hett said the action was brought by the plaintiff's firm, contractors and builders, to recover the amount claimed in the writ.

With regard to the payment of \$22.80 into Court, he would like to raise the point of law which he thought entitled him to judgment for the whole claim. It was provided by the Code that payment into Court should be taken to be an admission of the cause of action in respect of which the amount was paid in.

His Lordship—Yes. They admit they owe \$22.80.

Mr. Hett—That is so, my Lord.

Mr. Hett referred his Lordship to Section 153, and referred to a previous action wherein he obtained judgment, which was on all fours with the present case.

His Lordship said he should like to see the case referred to and adjourned the hearing.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report.

On the 14th at 12.10 p.m. The barometer has risen in N. China, and fallen over S. China.

The area of high pressure appears to be lying over N. China.

Gradients are moderate, and strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

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[1886]

THE LINCHOW AFFAIR.

RETURN OF THE COMMISSION.
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[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

The Commissioners returned to Canton from Linchow on Dec. 12 about one o'clock. Three men concerned in the murder, and who had confessed their guilt, were beheaded. Nineteen others were sentenced to different terms of imprisonment, ranging from one to five years.

On the whole, it is reported that the Commissioners are satisfied with the results of the investigation. The boycott, it appears, was not the cause of the trouble. Satisfactory evidence has also been given that the soldiers were not in fault. The missionaries having fled to the hills, their hiding place was found too late; the majority of the fugitives were already killed when the soldiers learned where they were.

The American Consul General pointed out that a riot occurred last year on account of the Po Pui lottery, and added that the Linchow people were easily excited. He also said that there were many members of the Triad Society in Linchow. Wen Tsung-yao gave full explanations regarding these remarks.

The question about the vacant piece of land near the temple and opposite the hospital was also raised. It appears this land had been used from time immemorial for the annual Tachai festival.

Last year Dr. Maoble notified the gentry that he had bought the ground and told them they erect their matchless elsewhere. The gentry complied with the doctor's request. The sheds were erected on a piece of land further down. The people not believing, however, that the land in question had been really bought, asked Dr. Maoble to produce his title deeds, but the doctor was unable to do so.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2830]

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that in the absence of further rainfall, on and after FRIDAY, the 15th instant, the SUPPLY of WATER will be turned on in the public mains in that portion of the City of Victoria lying east of Arsenal Street from 6 A.M. to 8 A.M. only.

W. CHATHAM,

Water Authority.

Public Works Department,

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2831]

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2832]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 16th December, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, Comprising—

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V. I. REMEDIOS,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2833]

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5 bales TISSUE PAPER,

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GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1905. [2834]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1905. [2823]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1905. [2736]

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1905. [2517]

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By Order

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Court.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1905. [2792]

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

I HAVE this day APPOINTED Messrs.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO. GENERAL

MANAGERS for Hongkong for the above

Society, in the place of Mr. F. KIENE, whose engagement has been terminated.

J. T. HAMILTON,

General Manager for the East.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2573]

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J. T. HAMILTON,

Manager for the East.

Hongkong, 15th November, 1905. [2574]

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AFTER EXAMINATION, the Chartered

Accountants have certified to the

Directors of the EQUITABLE LIFE

ASSURANCE SOCIETY of the United

States that the Society's ASSETS are

realizable as claimed. In all on 30th September, these Assets amounted to \$416,000,000.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [2711]

EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

MESSRS. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers of the above Society,

have received from the Society's Head Office the following Telegram—

"Accountant further certified surplus 67 millions. Financial Condition is unquestionable."

Hongkong, 9th December, 1905. [2757]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from

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GUNS will be carried out as under—

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8.30 P.M. if range clear.—Night Firing

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TUESDAY, 19th instant, from 11 A.M. to

12 Noon, if range clear.—From a Gun on

Wang Chai to targets placed on Round

Island and Middle Island.

WEDNESDAY, 20th instant, from 10 A.M. to

11 A.M. if range clear.—From Guns at

High West to Targets placed at West end

of Lamna Island.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 6th December, 1905. [2814]

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 Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. 13

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 Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. 1567

VLADIVOSTOCK DISTURBANCES

INTERVIEW WITH A SPECTATOR.

A representative of the Japan Chronicle has been fortunate in obtaining an interview with a gentleman lately returned from Vladivostok and who arrived at that place a few days before the outbreak. He says:

"The cause of the disturbances," he said, "is not far to seek. I was informed by a Russian that there had been great dissatisfaction amongst the Japanese and reservists since the conclusion of the war. The troops were kept on half rations—which order was first given at the time of the expected investment of the town—and the reservists were detained instead of being sent home. For some time past the commanding officer and others had received threatening letters, in which the men demanded full rations and that the reservists should be sent back to European Russia. The men believed—probably not without reason—that as the port was now open, and vessels were entering freely, their officers were cheating them out of their full rations, and pocketing the difference. They also demanded that proper accounts should be presented to show the necessity of the half-rations order being maintained. The soldiers only received 45 kopeks for two months. There is little doubt that had these men received their full pay and rations, these lamentable disturbances would never have occurred."

In answer to these letters, the commanding officer issued a proclamation on the 19th or 20th of November, stating that the men's demands had been wired to St. Petersburg, and that no change could be effected until he had received authority to do so. He advised the troops to remain quiet, as he would use all means at his disposal to suppress disturbances. The soldiers, incited, it is said, by revolutionary agitators, replied that they would wait till Sunday for a more favourable reply, and it was on that day that the trouble commenced."

"The Chinese and coolies were the first victims. During the war they had been given no prices for provisions of all kinds, and endeavored to maintain these prices after peace and been proclaimed. As the men were on half-rations and half-pay, and had to pay high prices for every little luxury, it is not to be wondered at that they sought revenge on these dealers."

"While I sat at table in the 'Golden Horn' a crowd of people went rushing by, and the general commotion showed that something unusual was going on. Even the waiters ran out, and the customers in the restaurant had to wait a quarter of an hour before they were served again. After this, with a fellow-passenger, I went down to the market, near the harbour, and there we saw the sailors plundering the stores of the Chinese. Tins, boxes, and cases were flying about, and were opened by throwing them violently to the ground. Troops soon arrived, but were simply lined up by their officers, and did nothing to restore order. I cannot say if they received orders and disobeyed them, but they simply stood still, with bayonets fixed, and watched the proceedings."

"When everything down at the harbour was destroyed, the crowd moved into the main street. Here I saw a large shop-window smashed by a stone. We considered it prudent to withdraw from the scene, as stones were flying in all directions. One struck an officer on the cheek, and from the wound the blood flowed down to his cloak. The injured man walked along without taking any heed, although he was struck by another missile, probably knowing that any show of resistance on his part would be fatal. We hastened back to our hotel, and soon the rioters were in the street. We heard the windows smashed below; the restaurant being frequented by officers had thus incurred the displeasure of the mob."

"Everything drinkable was of course soon appropriated, valuable articles were taken and others smashed. Passers-by were robbed in broad daylight. As we considered my companion's room was too exposed, we went into mine, and five minutes later a tin was thrown at the window, breaking both panes of the double window. Many buildings had sentinels before them, but they were inactive, and allowed the rioters to pass them and enter the buildings."

"When darkness came we were not allowed to have a light, for fear of attracting attention. Soon the glare of fire appeared, now here, now there, showing that the town was being set on fire systematically from various points. For a time the fire brigades were able to subdue the flames in some places, but a strong wind was blowing, and the incendiaries were energetic in their work. About eight o'clock a Russian officer who was also in the hotel suggested we should make a sortie with closed ranks in order to reach a steamer in the harbour. This was agreed to, and we set out. Those in front were modestly by some of the soldiers; but others of the mob cried, 'Let them go!' We reached the harbour safely, where lay the steamer Falk, with her stern open at the pier, ready to steam away at a moment's notice. A ladder was let down, and the captain took us all on board, numbering about twenty. There were already a number of refugees on the vessel, and a lot of Chinese who came after us were also taken on."

"While going through the streets we saw a long row of Chinese standing on the sidewalk being searched for valuables by the blue-jackets. From the steamer we could see one building after another going up in flames, amongst them being the new theatre. Needless to say, nobody slept that night, though the captain and crew did everything possible for the refugees, giving them food and clothing."

"The following morning, Monday, at 8 a.m., as the town seemed quieter, we went ashore. We found that sentries had been posted again, but were as inactive as they were the day before, letting everybody pass. Of our hotel nothing but a heap of ruins was left. One could see that the rage of the mob had been directed against hotels and restaurants frequented by Russian officers. We heard that eight officers had been murdered. At Messrs. Kunst & Albers the sales-rooms had been looted, and an attempt made to fire the premises. Thanks to the efforts of the staff, who have been drilled for emergency fire brigade work, the building was saved. The hose, however, was repeatedly cut, but very little damage was done by fire, the office being scarcely touched."

"The rioters met with active resistance at this place, and several of them were killed and wounded during the night. The troops had been ordered the previous night to fire on the rioters, but had discharged their weapons in the air. We could see traces of the bullets on the upper parts of the houses. All the shops in the main street had been plundered, and what could not be carried away was destroyed. The people in the town barricaded themselves against further attack, surrounding their houses with sheet iron, etc. In the evening I went on board the Resolent, the captain giving me a cabin to sleep in."

"On Monday night the trouble began again. In one case several men forced their way into a house, demanded drink, and compelled the head of the family to drink with them. In the morning they informed him of their intention to burn down his house, but in consideration of his hospitality they gave him an hour's grace to remove his goods. Tuesday saw the arrival of a troop of Cossacks, who had been diverted while on their way home from Manchuria, being recalled on account of the disturbances. They were naturally annoyed at this, and made short work of the rioters. They didn't shoot in the air."

"When in the evening a crowd of rioters collected, the officer in charge of the Cossacks, after three times calling upon the people to disperse, ordered his men to fire. Sixty of the rioters were killed in this attack. More and more Cossacks arrived, until there were about twelve hundred in the town, and then the public buildings were well guarded."

"Another incident which I witnessed was a number of men conveying a big safe away on a cart, with eight soldiers following leisurely as if to ascertain the destination of the party! On a war vessel in the harbour, a dinner-party was held. A number of rioters came close to the vessel, and firing into the cabin killing an officer and a lady. A soldier who tried to rob a Chinese, and murdered him when he resisted, was arrested, as was the man who tried to set fire to Messrs. Kunst & Albers premises. About a third of the town was burnt. The Chinese quarter being entirely destroyed. The Government dockyard also suffered severely, but the powder-magazine was not destroyed, it was reported. Of the rioters from 600 to 700 may have been killed, while several Russian officers lost their lives. Thursday was quiet, though the rioters issued a proclamation that they would resume operations on the following Sunday if the reservists were not sent home by the 18th inst. On the 18th I left Vladivostok by the Tanque, and it has now become known that nothing serious has occurred since that date."

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SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 23rd May
ROON	WEDNESDAY 6th June
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 20th June
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 4th July
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY 18th July
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